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SUBJECT: LOS - DECEMBER 6-9 GROUP OF FIVE MEETING

REF: (A) STATE 282855; (B) PARIS 34650

1. WE DISCUSSED REF (A) SCENARIO WITH FRENCH  
NOVEMBER 23. NO REPEAT NO MAJOR PROBLEMS WERE  
ENCOUNTERED. THEIR REACTIONS FOLLOW.

2. AGREE MONDAY MORNING BE DEVOTED TO GENERAL  
REVIEW OF 5TH LOS SESSION.

3. AGREE THAT HEADS OF DELEGATION TOGETHER WITH  
COMMITTEE I EXPERTS SHOULD FIRST MEET MONDAY AFTER-  
NOON--THAT IS BEFORE REPEAT BEFORE COMMITTEE I EXPERTS  
MEET INDEPENDENTLY ON TUESDAY. UK HAS MADE SAME  
SUGGESTION AS WE DID ON THIS SCORE.

4. AGREE THAT, AFTER THEIR INDEPENDENT MEETING,  
COMMITTEE I EXPERTS SHOULD REJOIN HEADS OF DELEGATION  
(PREFERABLY ON WEDNESDAY).

5. ALTHOUGH GATHERINGS OF COMMITTEE II AND III  
EXPERTS PRESENT NO REPEAT NO PROBLEM FOR FRENCH. THEY  
WONDER FROM INDICATED SIZE OF SOME DELEGATIONS--ONLY  
FIVE JAPANESE NAMES HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED--WHETHER ALL  
MEMBERS OF GROUP WILL BE PREPARED FOR INDEPENDENT  
EXPERTS WORK ON COMMITTEE II AND III SUBJECTS.

6. BRITISH HAVE SUBMITTED SUGGESTED ITEM 2.5 FOR  
COMMITTEE I EXPERTS WHICH IS TITLED "CONSTRAINTS ON  
RATE OF DEVELOPMENT OF SEABED RESOURCES," AND ALSO AN  
ITEM 2.6, WHICH WOULD BE "REVISION OF REGIME AFTER 25  
YEARS," UNLESS, BRITISH ADDED, THIS LATTER ITEM WOULD  
DUPLICATE ITEM 2.4 OF ORIGINAL AGENDA (REF B) PROPOSED  
BY FRENCH.

7. RE ITEM 2.4 ON ORIGINAL DRAFT AGENDA, ROUX NOTED

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THAT BOTH AMERICANS AND BRITISH HAD QUESTIONED WHAT IT MEANT, HE EXPLAINED IT WAS NOT REPEAT NOT CONNECTED WITH REVISION AFTER 25 YEARS CONCEPT, BUT RATHER AN EFFORT TO DO SOME G-5 CONTINGENCY PLANNING IN CASE PROBLEM OF GETTING G-77 TO ACCEPT PARALLEL SYSTEM PROVES INSURMOUNTABLE.

8. JAPANESE, FOR THEIR PART, HAVE ONLY SUGGESTED THAT NON-NEGOTIABLE LIST (ITEM L FOR FIRST COMMISSION EXPERTS) BE CHANGED TO READ "DISCUSSION ON USEFULNESS AND UTILITY OF ESTABLISHING A NON-NEGOTIABLE LIST

9. MEETING WILL BE CONFIDENTIAL AND INFORMAL AND NO REPEAT NO INTERPRETERS WILL BE ENGAGED. ALTHOUGH VAST MAJORITY OF DISCUSSIONS WILL BE IN ENGLISH, DE LACHARRIERE WILL PROBABLY BE CONSTRAINED TO USE FRENCH AT LEAST SOME OF THE TIME. QUAI LEGAL AFFAIRS OFFICE HOPES THIS WILL PRESENT NO PROBLEM.

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